

REMARKS

Claims 1 and 9 are amended. Claims 15-22 are withdrawn without prejudice or disclaimer. No new matter is added by these amendments. Claims 1-14 are pending. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and allowance of all claims in view of the amendments above and the remarks that follow.

Restriction Requirement under 35 U.S.C. 121

Pursuant to a telephone conversation between the Examiner and Grant Johnson on January 18, 2006, a provisional election was made without traverse to prosecute the invention of Group I, claims 1-14. Applicant hereby affirms this election and withdraws claims 15-22 from further consideration, but applicant specifically reserves the right to file a divisional application at a later date to reintroduce these claims.

Claim Rejections under 35 U.S.C. 102 and 103

Claims 1-14 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as unpatentable over Ashe (US Patent 5,995,103). Claims 2 and 10 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as unpatentable over Ashe in view of Kohno (US Patent 6,396,514). Applicant respectfully submits that the claims are patentable over the references, alone or in combination, because all elements in the claims are not taught or suggested by the references, for the reasons argued below.

Claim 1 recites: "presenting a plurality of windows on an output device; selecting a subset of the plurality of windows; and sending the subset to an auxiliary output device, wherein the auxiliary output device is separate from the output device." Thus, claim 1 recites two devices: an output device and an auxiliary output device, which are separate from one another. The output device presents the plurality of windows, and the auxiliary output device presents the subset of the plurality of windows.

In contrast, Ashe at Fig. 2 only illustrates one monitor 232 with one display screen 235, on which all windows 242 are displayed. Ashe's environment of a single

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display screen on which all windows are displayed is further reinforced by Figs. 6A and 6B and column 8, lines 58-61, which describes the Ashe windows as having a "z-ordering" with respect to one another.

Ashe's environment of a single display screen on which all windows are displayed is further reinforced by column 14, lines 60-67, which describes that "the window grouping mechanism further allows a group to be attached to an individual window for display purposes. Selection of the attaching window results in that window and all of the windows in the attached group .. being pulled to the front of the display screen 235." In order for the function of a group of windows being pulled to the front of a display screen to have meaning, other windows not in the group must be in the back of the display screen 235. That is, a "front" requires a back in order to be meaningful. Thus, modifying Ashe to use two display screens with one display screen displaying the group of windows and the other hypothetical display screen displaying windows not in the group would destroy the purpose and function of Ashe because by moving the back windows (not in the group) to a hypothetical other display screen, pulling windows to the front no longer has meaning.

Although Kohno in Fig. 2 describes a CRT 2a and a projector 5a, Kohno cannot properly be combined with Ashe because to do so would destroy the purpose and function of Ashe, which is to pull windows to the front of a single display screen. Thus, Ashe and Kohno do not teach or suggest "presenting a plurality of windows on an output device; selecting a subset of the plurality of windows; and sending the subset to an auxiliary output device, wherein the auxiliary output device is separate from the output device," as recited in claim 1.

Claim 9 includes similar elements as argued above for claim 1 and is patentable over the references for similar reasons.

Claims 2-8 and 10-14 are dependent on claims 1 and 9, respectively, and are allowable for the reasons argued above.

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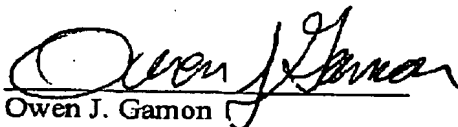
Conclusion

Applicant respectfully submits that the claims are in condition for allowance and notification to that effect is requested. The Examiner is invited to telephone applicant's attorney (651-645-7135) to facilitate prosecution of this application.

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Respectfully submitted,

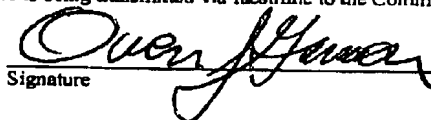
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